Board has always been to regulate production having regard to the market situation so that the growers do not have any difficulty in selling their produce at reasonable rates.

Ousting Indian sports goods exporters by Pakistan from International Market

4502. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is on the verge of ousting Indian sports goods exporters from key international markets;

(b) whether Pakistan has already consolidated its position in these markets by upgrading their technology by means of collaboration and technology import at a fast pace; and

(c) if so, how India contemplates to retrieve its position in foreign sports goods markets and compete with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) It is a fact that the export performance of Pakistan has always been better than Indian exports of sports goods because of certain inherent advantages such as raw materials availability etc. However, it is not correct to say that Pakistan is on the verge of ousting Indian sports goods exporters as Indian exports have also shown a steady growth:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Year	Exports
1988-89	38.10
1989-90	55.84
1990-91	66.74
Apr'91-jan'92	49.00 (Provisional)

(Source: Sports Goods Exports Promotion Council)

Market promotion measures abroad and product development efforts to make Indian sports goods competitive in world markets have helped in increasing exports and these measures are proposed to be continued and intensified, wherever required.

Further, to accelerate modernisation and technological upgradation in the small scale sector in general, it has been decided to allow equity participation by other industrial undertakings, not exceeding 24% of the total shareholding. Besides, the existing Process-cum Product Development Centre at Meerut is also proposed to be modernised with assistance from UNDP. It is expected that industry would take maximum advantage of these measures.

Announcement of Deemed Export Policy

4503. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to announce deemed export policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when this policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The new Import & Export Policy effective from 1.4.92 is being formulated.

चाय बोर्ड की चाय के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने की योजना

4504. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चाय बोर्ड चाय के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए कोई योजना बना रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) यह योजना किन-किन राज्यों के लिए बनायी जायेगी; और

(घ) चाय उत्पादकों को क्या-क्या प्रोत्साहन दिये जायेंगे?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम्): (क) से (घ) चाय बोर्ड ने सं॰ 2000 ई॰ तक चाय का उत्पादन 1000 एम॰ कि॰ ग्रा॰ तक बढ़ाने के लिए एक व्यापक योजना तैयार की है। इस योजना में निवेशों को और विकसित कृषि प्रक्रियाओं को श्रेष्ठ बनाने जैसे अल्पावधि उपाय, सिंचाई नालियां, पुनःनवीकरण छंटाई और इन्फिलिंग जैसे मध्यावधि उपाय तथा पुनर्रोपण और रोपण विस्तार जैसे दीर्घावधि उपाय शामिल हैं।

चाय बोर्ड पहले ही अनेक योजनाएं चला रहा है जिनके अन्तर्गत नव रोपण, पुनर्रोपण, सिंचाई सुविधा-

प्रसंस्करण मशीनरी की खरीद आदि के लिए ऋण और इम्दाद के रूप में वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है। तैयार की गई सापेक्ष योजना देश के सभी चाय उत्पादक क्षेत्रों पर लागू होगी।

Import of Edible Oil Under Commodity Exchange Programme

4505. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to get edible oil from other countries under commodity exchange programme;

(b) if so, which are the commodities identified for exports; and

(c) whether Government are allowing State Governments to import edible oil in rupee payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR (a) and (b) No sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, Government have allowed the State governments to import edible oil for which payment in rupees will be adjusted against export proceeds of specified commodities.

Visit of Trade Delegations

4506. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade delegation which have visited India from abroad and the trade delegations the country have sent abroad after the liberalisation of economy; and

(b) how many visits were successful from both sides and how much amount has been spent on our delegations visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) After the liberalisation of economy 19 delegations have visited India and 14 delegations have been sent abroad. The visits of these delegations have been successful in arriving at a fuller understanding of the concerns of each other. An approximate amount of Rs. 15.82 lakhs has been spent on our delegations going abroad.

Merger of E.P.Cs.

4507. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to merge different export promotion councils into a powerful Board;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names and functions of different export promotion councils at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Names of different export promotion councils at present functioning in the country:

(i) Under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce:

1. Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
2. Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay.
3. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
4. Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
5. Plastic and Linoleums Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
6. Council for Leather Exports, Madras.
7. Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
8. Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
9. Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
10. Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin.
12. Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.